

# JOURNEYS



NEWSLETTER OF THE DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## Where We've Been....

## **Public Outreach Everywhere!**

Helen Wiles has been enjoying the hospitality of several organizations this month! She spoke at the Chimney Hill annual HOA meeting, the Downtown Dover Rotary meeting, and the Capital City Rotary meeting to introduce the MPO and give a presentation on our planning strategies. She hopes to continue with this kind of outreach in the future. If you are part of a club or organization and would like Helen to come speak, please let us know!

### **The Premier of Our Second Video**

Our video series continues with the premier of "Care for the Air", a video about Air Quality. Once again it's available on all social media, our website and on our channel on YouTube. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel in order to get all of our upcoming videos!

## :60 ad for the Logo Contest

We also premiered a :60 ad for our Logo Contest on YouTube and social media. This ad is the first project to use our new "Doodly" software, a white-board animation software that makes fun, but also quite relevant, videos. The look of the product is very professional but adds a touch of whimsy to every idea.

Since we have decided that videos are a big part of our outreach stategy, we are constantly looking for new ideas. If you have an idea for an educational or entertaining video, please let Helen Wiles know by email at Helen.wiles@doverkentmpo.org or by phone at 302-387-6026.

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## Where We're Headed....

#### Come See Our New Presentation...

September 11 from 3:30-7:30 we will be presenting both Public Outreach and GIS strategies to the Public. Come out to DelDOT at 800 Bay Rd. in the Farmington/Felton Conference Room, and see all the new things that the MPO is working on!

#### Journeys Live! Coming soon!

Journeys is expanding into a series! Not only will the print version be in your mailbox every month, there will also be occasional episodes of a talk-show type format on our YouTube channel. The first episode features Jim Galvin, our Principal Planner discussing Performance Measures.

#### New Website is Imminent!

Our new website will launch within the next few weeks. This is very exciting since our website has not been revamped for many years. You will hopefully find the new design much more user friendly and quite dynamic.

## Interactive Maps Are Getting Direction...

With the launch of the new website, we will also begin releasing our new Interactive Maps. Mike Ward, GIS Planner for the MPO has been working hard on the first few, and his to-do list grows every day! Look forward to these cool maps that use a combination of good cartography and cutting-edge tech to produce something totally immersive.



OUR MPO COUNCIL

WILL MEET ON SEPT. 12

AT 3PM AT CAMDEN TOWN HALL.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN

TO THE PUBLIC.

MORE INFORMATION AT

WWW.DOVERKENTMPO.ORG

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## FY2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The MPO FY2019-2022 TIP was created in conjunction with the Department of Transportation's FY2019 Capital Transportation Program (CTP) and was approved by the Council on April 19, 2018. Amendments are made as needed, particularly after the General Assembly finalizes the State budget at the end of June.

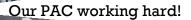
Proposed changes to the CTP and subsequently the TIP are as follows:

- The Highway Safety Improvement Program projects were again combined into one category. The Killen's Pond Road intersection with SR 14 and the SR10 and SR15 intersection improvements will be completed during or shortly after FY 2019.
- Nineteen (19) bridges and bridge related projects were combined into one category. The MPO included a complete list of the projects in the TIP.
- Two grade separated intersections will be finishing in FY2019; the Little Heaven project and the South Frederica project connecting to The Turf will be completed.
- The Kenton Road project budget has an increase in construction funds as plans were developed. Construction isn't planned to start until FY 2023.
- Two Transit related projects triggered the amendment to the TIP being considered 9/12/2018. Facility Improvements necessary to put the 6 new electric buses on the road were added to the final CTP while the purchase of Support Vehicles was eliminated from the TIP that was originally adopted in April.

The MPO Public and Technical Advisory Committees (PAC and TAC) have considered the changes and have recommended Council approve and adopt the changes to the TIP at the September 12, 2018 Council meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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DelDOT held a public meeting for the widening of RT 13 from Lochmeath Way to Puncheon Run.

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Helen speaking to
Capital City Rotary
and with
Tonda Parks
(with
Grandaughter
Haley) from
Downtown

Dover Rotary

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Governor
Carney speaks
at the Opening
of the DE Turf
Complex in
Frederica.

